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APPLICANT: Juergen BEUTHAN et al **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3737
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In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants
herewith amend the application as follows.